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1. Artist supporting and mediating system comprising:
a vote accepting computer that accepts votes from supporters of preregistered artists or their artistic works;
a fee collecting computer that handles a process of charging fees to said supporters according to numbers of votes cast and a predetermined unit fee per vote;
a vote tabulating computer that tabulates votes for each artist or artistic work; and
a support fund distributing computer that distributes support funds to said artist or an artist who produced said artistic work corresponding to said number of votes based on a predetermined rate.
2. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claim 1 further comprising a dividend distributing computer that distributes dividends to each supporter according to the number of votes cast by said supporter or the number of votes owned by said supporter based on a predetermined condition.
3. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claim 2 wherein said dividend distributing computer distributes dividends when profits generated by artistic activities of said artist match with a predetermined condition.
4. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claims 1 further comprising a vote trade mediating computer that mediates trades of votes owned by said supporters.
5. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claims 1 further comprising a audio/visual distributing service computer that provides a service of audio/visual

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distribution of artistic works of preregistered artists to said supporters.

6. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claims 1 further comprising a browsing/searching service computer that provides a service of allowing said supporters to browsing and/or searching attributive data of preregistered artists.

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-- 9. The artist supporting and mediating system of claim 1 further comprising supporters' terminals connected to said system and each said computers are interconnected via a computer network.

10. The artist supporting and mediating system of claim 1 further comprising artists' terminals connected to said system and each said computers are interconnected via a computer network.

11. Artist supporting and mediating system comprising:
a vote accepting computer that accepts votes from supporters of preregistered artists or their artistic works;
a fee collecting computer that handles a process of charging fees to said supporters according to numbers of votes cast and a predetermined unit fee per vote;

a vote tabulating computer that tabulates votes for each artist or artistic work;
a support fund distributing computer that distributes support funds to said artist or an artist who produced said artistic work corresponding to said number of votes based on a predetermined rate; and,

supporters' terminals connected to said system; and,
artists' terminals connected to said system,

wherein said computers are interconnected via a computer network. --